First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

July 17, 2022
10:00 am

"Word and Work"
6th Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**
"God of the Prophets", Denis Wortman

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DAN KIDDER-McQUON**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Zoom Host, Worship Leader and Greeter is Rev Dan Kidder-McQuon.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Welcome into This Place"
40 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Unison **DAN KIDDER-McQUON**

Wonderful, surprising God, you bring us hope when we're discouraged,
peace when we're anxious, and joy when we least expect it.
Help us now rest in your presence.
Be our welcome Guest not only here but everywhere we go this week.
Show us how to receive all you have to offer us.
May we remain open, even to what seems too incredible to be true,
for with you, so much more is possible than we even imagine.
Amen.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"It Is Well with My Soul"
438 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Amos 7:7-8** **DAN KIDDER-McQUON**

SECOND READING **Luke 10:25-37** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"
539 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Word and Work"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Abba God in heaven, Sacred is your name!
May you reign come.
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread of Tomorrow.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive those indebted to us.
Don't put us to the test, but free us from evil.
We are yours forever.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offertory plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Frank M. North

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DAN KIDDER-McQUON**

Generous God,
We share what we have because we wish to serve you with the best we have to offer.
Bless our tithes and offerings, that they may become a bountiful feast
for all who need to be filled with good things.
Open our eyes to see the strangers you call us to welcome.
Empower us to receive them as you do, with radically inclusive hospitality.
May we recognize and delight in the gifts they share with us.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"With God as My Guide"
54 ES

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: We are no longer our own. We stand now with your people.

People: Let us take action.

Leader: Let us wait in silence.

People: Let us confront oppression.

Leader: Let us mourn what is lost.

People: Let us succeed in our struggles.

Leader: Let us share your suffering.

People: Let us dream new visions and renounce old ways.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Song of the Soul",** Chris Williamson **JOSHUA CATANIA**

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Rev Dan Kidder-McQuon, Zoom Host/Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Rev LeAnn Seito, preaching; Jenn Zibbell, Zoom Host and Worship Leader.

Jenn Zibbell will preach July 31. Thank you to both LeAnn and Jenn for sharing their gifts, faith and creativity with us.

Luncheon Gatherings:
There are three remaining summer lunch gatherings. **PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES:**

- **July 24** – 1:00 K&D Bistro (Vietnamese), 1290 Anna J. Stepp Rd., Ypsi, 48197
- **August 7** – 1:00 Los Amigos Fiesta, 4855 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, 48108
- **August 21** – Lillian Long will host, 505 Boulderstone Ln, Chelsea, 48188

Beginning Monday, Oct 3 at 7:00 pm Zoom: Weekly gathering for our community of faith to complete the work of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*:

- Thanks to all who completed the Google Survey on day/time availability.
- A majority of folks (11 total) indicated they could be available Monday at 7:00 pm.
- In order to address the concerns raised by almost half the responders about absences due to summer family and travel commitments, these discernment gatherings will begin on **Monday, Oct 3**
- Please use the more relaxed summertime to allow the ideas in Susan Beaumont's book to percolate while continuing to pray that we may recognize and respond to the ministry and missions God's Spirit is calling YFC UCC to next.

The Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy continues.
During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of our faith community provided local coffee, cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Dan Kidder-McQuon is the night chaplain.

While COVID has faded (for now), and the hospital has resumed "normal" operations for the most part. What hasn't changed has been the stress level of night staff. Some of this is leftover from the effects of COVID: lack of staff, nation-wide nurse shortage, burnout.

In response to the ongoing night staff stress, Dan has kept the coffee ministry going, which continues to mean a great deal to the night staff.

Local establishments that roast their own coffee, which the staff has enjoyed include:

Hyperion Coffee Co, RoosRoast, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Mighty Good Coffee Roasting Co, Zingermans Coffee Co, TeaHaus, Bridge Community Café, or a favorite coffee of a member of our community.

From Dan: *Some angels of our church have helped me keep the coffee ministry going. On a regular basis, I get the best coffee in Michigan dropped off by Marty, plus resupplies of cups. You have no idea how thankful I am, and how thankful the staff are for this blessing. It's spread: A couple staff members (a security sergeant and a nurse) have been donating coffee, as they know about the ministry. I just want the church to know you have been a blessing to hundreds of nurses, techs, doctors, clerks, cleaners, security, and every now and then chaplains and patient families. Holy grounds!*

Marty Kleino will gladly see your contribution reach Dan. Contact Marty: 734-262-1419

Sunday, August 10: Traverse City New Church Start New Waves UCC Zoom: The New Waves worshiping community has been invited to attend our 10:00 am YFC UCC Zoom worship Service. After worship, beginning at 12:00 noon, Pastor Liz will be leading a special Zoom service recognizing Rev. Jody Betten for her numerous contributions and dedicated service as founding pastor. Before accepting a call to YFC UCC, Pastor Liz served as a part of the original New Waves UCC new church plant team. As we listen for the Spirit to speak to our YFC UCC faith community during this season of discernment, all are invited to attend the 12:00 noon Zoom to learn how the values of risk taking,

experimentation, innovation and creativity (including a partnership with Habitat for Humanity) are woven throughout Rev. Betten's and New Waves UCC's ministry approach.

VITUAL NATIONAL ONA GATHERING!

We'll gather virtually Aug. 5, 6 and 7 for our first National ONA Gathering since 2019! Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate 50 years of LGBTQ+ advocacy in the United Church of Christ, the historic ordinations of Bill Johnson and Anne Holmes—the first openly gay and openly lesbian candidates called to ordained ministry in the UCC, and to renew our commitment to a future of inclusion and advocacy for all of the God's queer people.

National ONA Gathering page on openandaffirming.org. **REGISTER**

Message from LeAnn Seto: I know some of you have expressed interest in exploring how to respond to the gun violence tearing at our hearts and society. Many of you have formal work engagements Wednesdays at this time and the opportunity will not be possible for you, but I pass this info to you so that you might hold this work in prayer and pass it along to any you know in your communities who may find it galvanizing and healing. Thanks, LeAnn

Engage: Exploring Nonviolent Living is a study program for learning, practicing, and experimenting with the power of creative nonviolence to transform our lives and our world. It is a 2005 revised and expanded version of *From Violence to Wholeness* produced by Pace e Bene (Italian for "peace and all good") Nonviolence Service.

Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and president of the Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence says, **"It is only when the individual becomes peaceful that the world will become peaceful. *Engage* is the way to transform the self.**

Michael Nagler, founder of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at U.C.-Berkley says, **"This book is a toolkit for salvation. Beta-tested in the laboratory of hundreds of workshops, it spans the whole field of necessary knowledge to save the world, from the loftiest reaches of theory to how to use a flipchart. No doubt there will be many more handbooks like it in the years to come, but at present this is the only one I know of, and every community should have one."**

Since 1997, twenty thousand people have participated worldwide. It has provided participants with a vision, method, and skills to challenge and transform patterns and policies of violence in their lives and in the larger world, including:

*the residents of a housing project in a Midwestern city in the U.S. who used this process for a year to constructively transform the despair, rage, injustice, and violence they faced in their interpersonal relationships and in the midst of dehumanizing conditions. After this yearlong program, a pattern of suicide and physical violence ended.

*a statewide coalition that used this process for training and strategizing in mounting a long-term campaign to stop state budget cuts.

*communities who have used this process in areas of war and intense social conflict, including hundreds of Colombians who traveled through numerous militarized zones to take part.

Copies of the paperback workbook are easily purchased online. The United Methodist Church located beside the Lansing State Capitol building has generously permitted me and

any others to meet there from 10am-noon each Wednesday throughout the summer. To close the study time each week, I plan to stand in front of the Capitol, near the statue of war governor Austin Blair, practicing a peace prayer for 22 minutes in support of those grieving the precious 22 lives needlessly lost from us on May 24, 2022.

May God bless the work of peace in all its forms in this beautiful world today. Amen.
For more info, lseto@bu.edu.

Sunday, September 18 is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday. Hybrid worship (both in-person and on Zoom) resumes.

Sunday, September 25: Our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony. Jenn Zibbell, MID, is Team Lead for this special event. Look for more from Jenn as to how you can participate in preparations.

NEW BEGINNINGS*: Welcome *Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel to the Michigan Conference

One hundred and forty-six churches, six Conference Associations, along with members of Staff and the Board of Directors of the Michigan Conference UCC are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as our new Conference Minister. Our hope is that as she travels about the State of Michigan visiting and attending meetings; the uniqueness and diversity of each church will become apparent of all that we represent. I'm sure there will be many "Lillian Sightings" to report as

Rev. Daniel familiarizes herself with her new surroundings, our churches and the people within them. With new beginnings there will be relationship building which entails sharing new visions as well as keeping and blending some of our past visions. There is excitement and anticipation as we transition into another season in the life of our beloved Conference.

We look forward to the installation of Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel as our sixth Conference Minister at our Annual Gathering. This will be a historical installation as Rev. Daniel will be the first female to be installed in this position. Please make sure you register for this event which will be held via zoom on October 22, 2022 with the theme titled **"Facing Change with Courage"** so that you can witness this special event.

Rev. Daniel, may God grant you peace and joy, allowing you to grow in knowledge and faith with this new path in your journey with Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Judith Booker,Board President
Michigan Conference United Church of Christ

Pastor Liz serves as Vice President of the Michigan Conference. We read Rev Daniel's book *When Spiritual but Not Religious Is Not Enough* , in our book study last fall.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

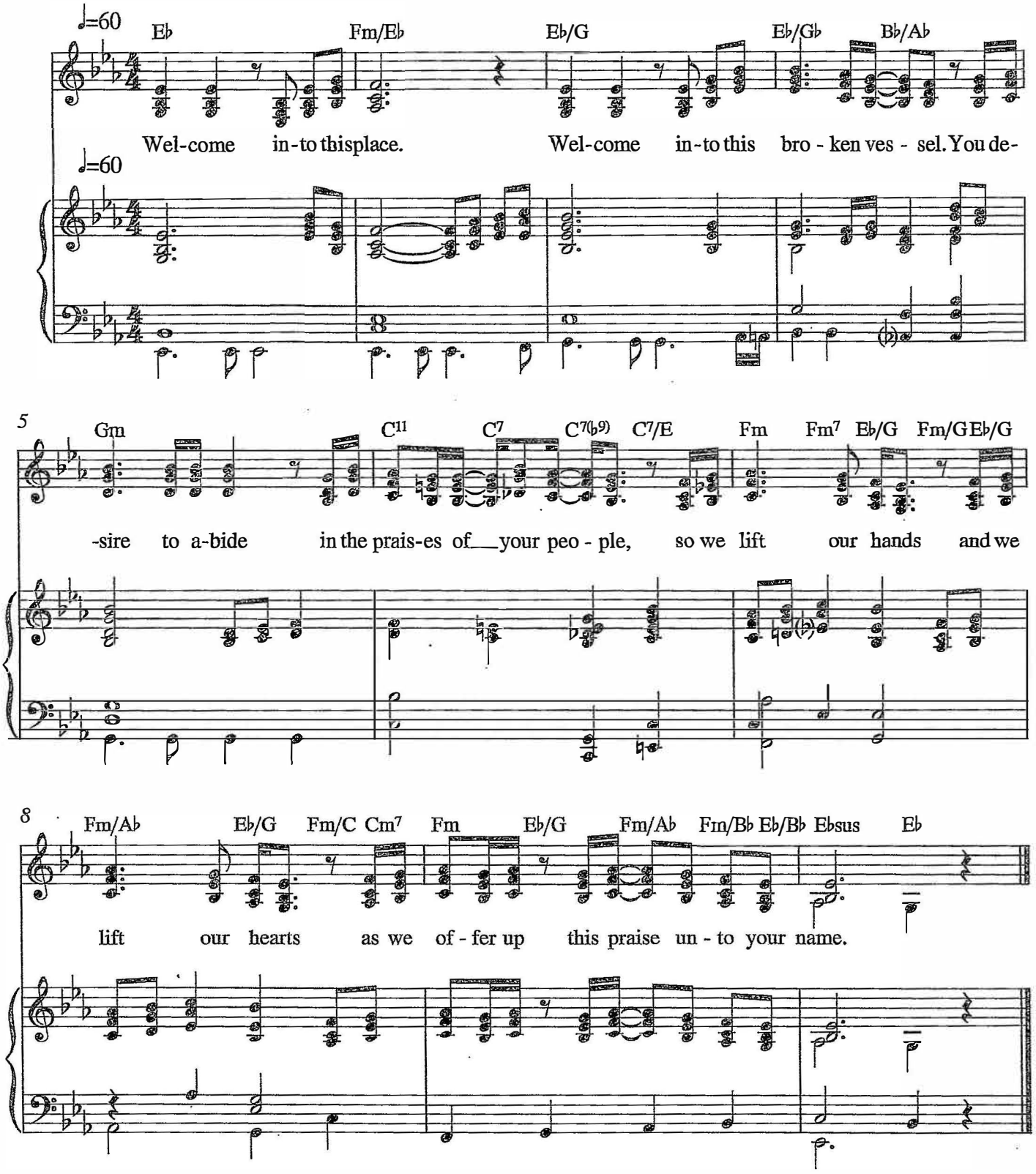
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Welcome into This Place

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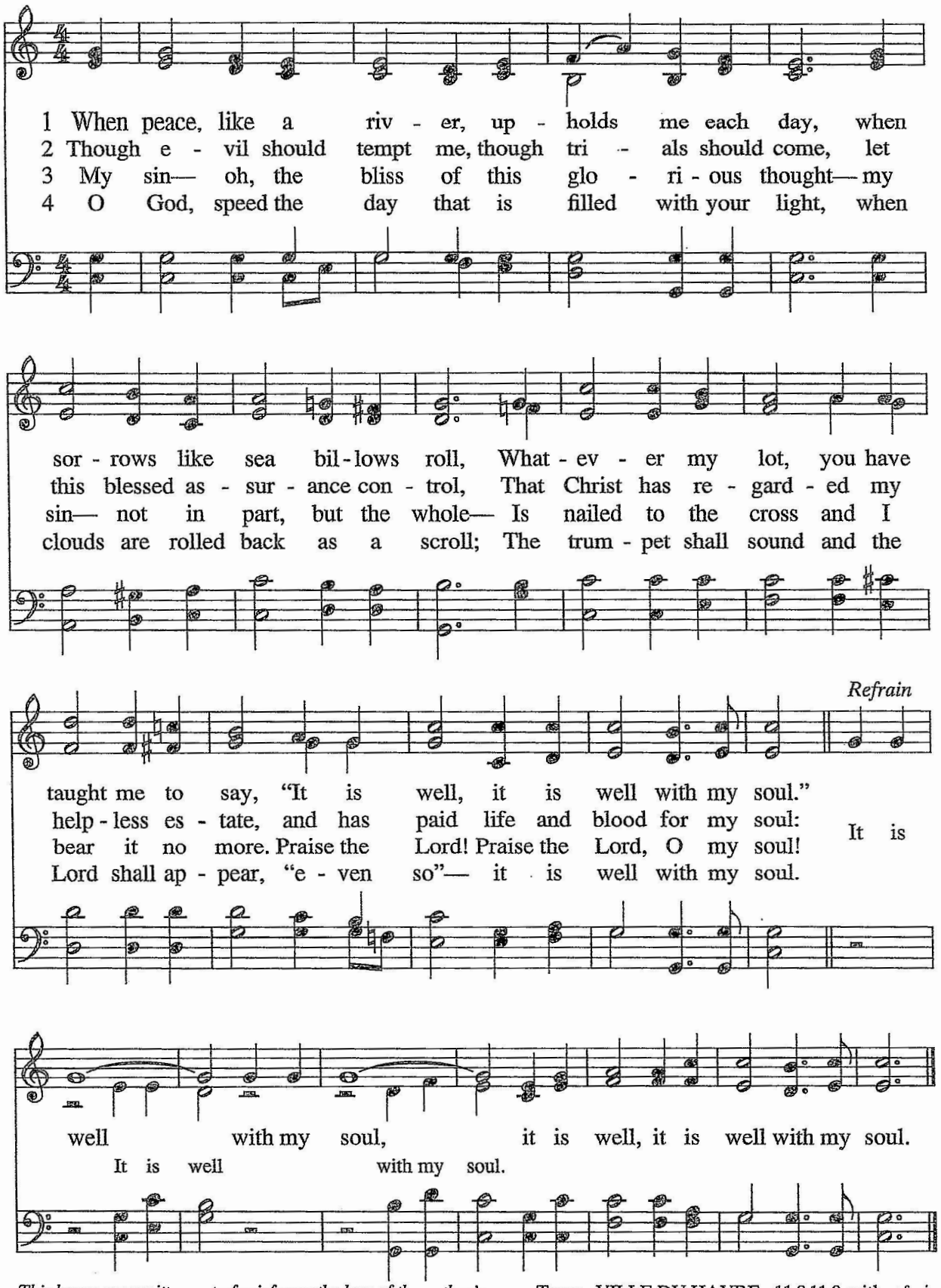
438 When Peace, Like a River
(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19–23; 2:13–14; 3 John 1:2

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

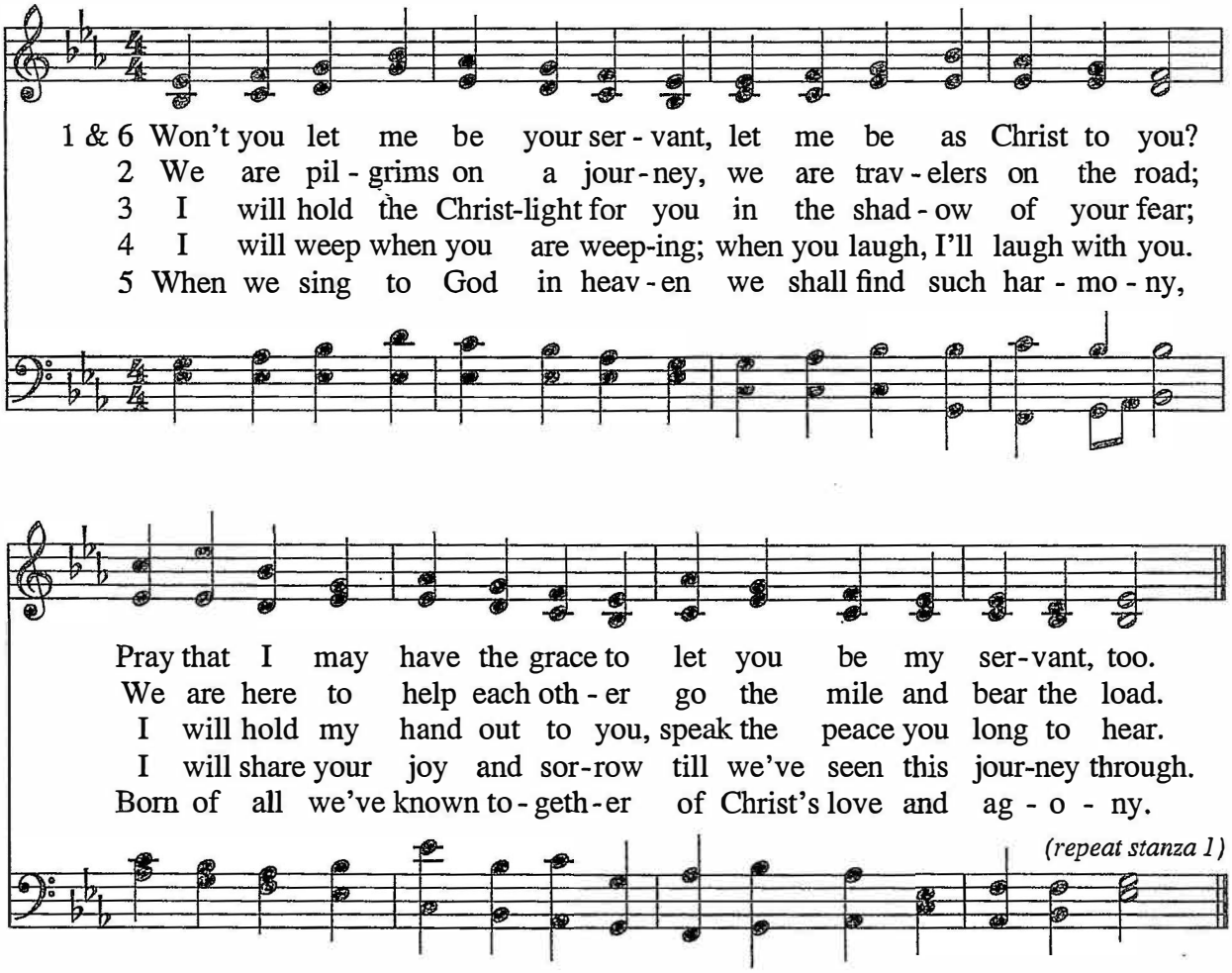

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when
sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the
Refrain
taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.
It is
well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. *After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.*

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain

Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? 539

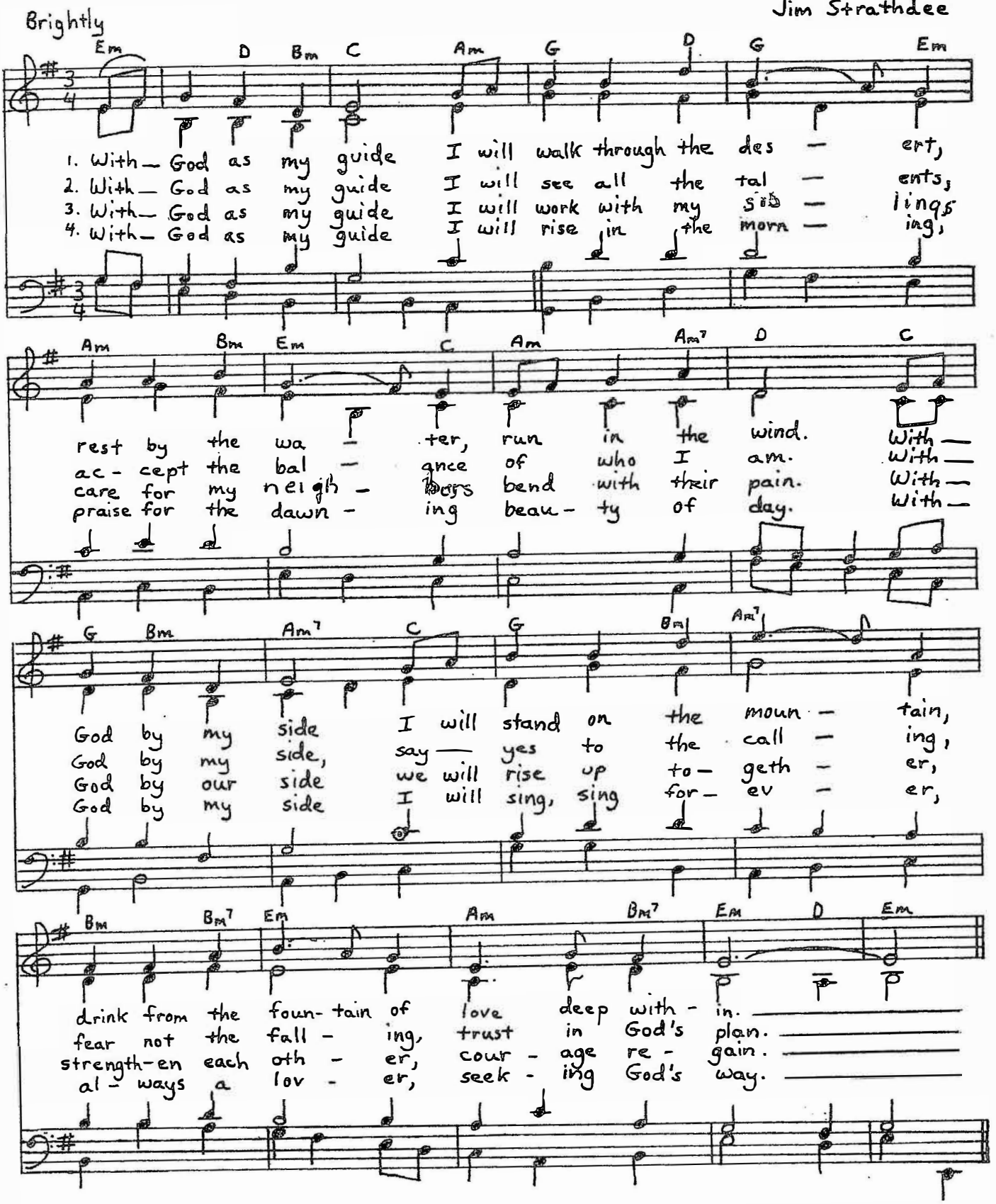
Richard Gillard, 1977; alt. *Rom. 12:9–18; Col. 1:24–29*

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

With God as My Guide

Words and music by
Jim Strathdee


Brightly
Em D Bm C Am G D G Em
1. With— God as my guide I will walk through the des — ert,
2. With— God as my guide I will see all the tal — ents,
3. With— God as my guide I will work with my sis — ters
4. With— God as my guide I will rise in the morn — ing,
Am Bm Em C Am Am7 D C
rest by the wa — ter, run in the wind. With—
ac- cept the bal — ance of who I am. With—
care for my neigh — bors bend with their pain. With—
praise for the dawn — ing beau- ty of day. With—
G Bm Am7 C G Bm Am7
God by my side I will stand on the moun — tain,
God by my side, say — yes to the call — ing,
God by our side we will rise up to— geth — er,
God by my side I will sing, sing for— ev — er,
Bm Bm7 Em Am Bm7 Em D Em
drink from the foun- tain of love deep with - in.
fear not the fall — ing, trust in God's plan.
strength-en each oth — er, cour - age re - gain.
al - ways a lov — er, seek - ing God's way.

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